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TRUMP... TORIES... BLAIRITES...

FIGHT THE RIGHT

6.30-8.30PM

Kshama Sawant
Socialist Alternative member and the Seattle council member who led the 1st successful campaign for a $15/hr minimum wage, now fighting to tax Amazon

Denise Phillips
Secretary of Homecare, Glasgow City Unison, striking for equal pay (personal capacity)

Juan Ignacio Ramos
Izquierda Revolucionaria general secretary and activist against austerity and capitalism in the Spanish state

Chris Baugh
Assistant general secretary of the PCS civil servants’ union and campaigning trade unionist (personal capacity)

Hugo Pierre
Unison NEC (personal capacity) fighting for justice for Windrush victims

Chaired by Sarah Sachs-Eldridge Socialist Party national organiser

SUNDAY RALLY

Sunday rally 3-4.30pm

ORGANISING POLITICAL RESISTANCE TO AUSTERITY

Hannah Sell author of Socialism in the 21st Century & Socialist Party deputy general secretary

Dave Nellist Former socialist MP who took a workers’ wage

Paul Murphy TD Socialist member of the Irish parliament

Marion Lloyd PCS union NEC (personal capacity)

Theo Sharieff Socialist Students national chair

Chaired by Paula Mitchell
At the Institute of Education there will be a book shop where you can find the Socialist Party’s publications and a huge display of left-wing literature.

**CRÈCHE** The crèche will be in room 709a. It will run during the sessions and rallies. Please make sure that you pick up your children during breaks, and at the end of the day. Claire is in charge of the crèche, any queries please contact her on 077 572 07289.

**BOOKSHOP** The bookshop will be on Level 1 at the bottom of the stairs. It will be open during breaks, and before and after the sessions start. It will close after the second set of sessions on Sunday.

**POSTER EXHIBITION & SALE** There will also be a poster exhibition and sale on Level 1 with various contributors on Sunday.

**STALLS** There will be stalls with information about the Socialist Party and more in the entrance area on Level 1.

On Sunday Socialist Party branches will set up stalls on Level 3 selling merchandise to raise money for the fighting fund.

**DISABILITY SUPPORT** Ian is our mobility liaison person and you can call him on 0776 658 5543 if you need any help.

**ACCOMMODATION** For hostel and free accommodation (sofas and floors) queries please contact Julia on 07984 800765.

**INFORMATION** For any other queries related to Socialism 2018, please speak to stewards in the red Socialism t-shirts. You can also contact Socialism organiser Sarah Sachs-Eldridge on 07958032071 and chief steward Ian Pattison on 0776 658 5543. On Sunday morning 10am-12noon, contact Sarah Wrack on 07956 132470.

**JOIN THE SOCIALISTS**

We want you to join the Socialist Party. Drop in session to sign up 12 noon Sunday, Room 604

We host this event to bring together all those who want to discuss ideas about how to change the world.

We want you to join the Socialist Party. We stand for transforming society, taking the top industries into public ownership and democratically planning the economy to meet the needs of all.

By joining the Socialist Party you are joining the most determined and effective socialist organisation in the country. Our branches meet every week for inclusive and democratic political discussion and to organise our forces to work with campaigns, trade unions and activists in our communities to fight back.

**SATURDAY’S BITESIZE SESSIONS, ROOM 604**

**BITESIZE 1 - 3-3.50pm: ASK ANY QUESTION ON SOCIALISM YOU WANT:** Speakers: Socialist Party organisers Alistair Tice, Elaine Brunskill and Becci Heagney

**BITESIZE 2 - 4-4.50pm: WHY JOIN THE SOCIALIST PARTY:** Speakers: Socialist Party organisers Nick Chaffey, Helen Pattison and Mark Best
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Institute of Education,
20 Bedford Way, WC1H OAL

HOSTELS
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78 King’s Cross Rd, WC1X 9QG
Clink 261
261-265 Gray’s Inn Rd, WC1X 8QT

CONTINUE CHATTING AT
FAH Friend At Hand
5 minute walk from IofE, 2-4 Herbrand St,
Bloomsbury WC1N 1HX, serves food

R The Rocket
10 minute walk, 120 Euston Road, London NW1 2AL

SA Skinners Arms
10 minute walk, 114 Judd St, Kings Cross, London WC1H 9NT

LA Lucas Arms
15 minute walk, 245A Gray’s Inn Road, London WC1X 8QY, UK

B The Boot
15 minute walk, 116 Cromer Street, London WC1H 8BS